

ELEVATOR SAFETY BOARD
Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2020

I. Call to order

Chairperson Kris Kesterson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. at 150 Des Moines Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

II. Roll call

Members present: Kris Kesterson (via phone)
Kerry Dixon
Kathleen Uehling
Craig Clabaugh (via phone)
Justin Carleton
Wayne Sims
Marvin Schumacher (via phone)
Peggy Vandenberg (via phone)
Amy Infelt (via phone)

Members absent: None

Ms. Caroline Barrett, Assistant Attorney General, was not in attendance.

III. Approval of agenda

Ms. Kerry Dixon moved to approve the agenda and Ms. Uehling seconded the motion. The Board approved it unanimously.

IV. Approval of minutes from December 18, 2019

Ms. Dixon moved to approve the December 18, 2019, minutes. Ms. Uehling seconded the motion and the board approved it unanimously.

V. Item for Action

Tabled variance application from 713 Nebraska (E2019-015)

Mr. Al Aymar and Ms. Michelle Willsie of Fibercomm both participated via conference call and spoke to the board regarding this request.

This elevator has been locked out since fall. Fibercomm is contracting with KONE Elevator to replace the governor rope, the machine and the motor. Mr. Carleton questioned Mr. Aymar about the previous request the board made to get the car weighed. Fibercomm contacted two elevator companies but they couldn't get it done.

Ms. Dixon moved to deny the variance on grounds that it may no longer be necessary because the work may allow the elevator to meet the code. Mr. Carleton seconded and the board unanimously agreed.

Mr. Schumacher joined the conference call.

VI. Division of Labor report

Commissioner Rod Roberts reported:

- A. Governor Reynolds proposed a 1.3% budget increase from the General Fund Appropriation for the Division of Labor. This will amount to approximately \$44,000. The Division of Labor will present a detailed budget report to the board at the next meeting. Mr. Brett Conner, IWD Fiscal Bureau Chief, will also be in attendance.
- B. Senate File 2051 has been introduced by Senator Lofgren of Muscatine. A copy of the bill was provided to the board for review. The Commissioner stated that this appears to be in reaction to an earlier board decision. Mr. Borwey and Ms. Uehling will attend a legislative subcommittee meeting on the bill at 3:30 p.m. today. They will find out if there is companion legislation has been introduced in the House. February 21st is the first funnel date. The Commissioner stated that board members may contact their legislators and other organizations that might be interested. He will keep the board apprised of developments. Ms. Vandenberg suggested that the board develop talking points. Ms. Kesterson will decide whether to form a board committee or have a full board meeting once Ms. Uehling reports to her about today's subcommittee meeting.
- C. The Senate Republican Caucus staff asked the Division of Labor to provide the number of non-profits in the state with conveyances. There are approximately 2,000 elevators in non-profits. The reason for the request is complaints about the fees for inspections and reinspections. The Commissioner expects a bill addressing fees for non-profits.
- D. The legislature is considering a bill to consolidate multiple safety boards and commissions into two mega-boards. Those boards will possibly be under the umbrella of the Division of Labor or Public Safety. One board would deal with code issues and the other with licensure.

VII. Discussion of Rules Review

The board agreed to assign the chapters for rules review, as follows:

Chapter 65 – Ms. Kesterson
Chapter 66 – Ms. Uehling
Chapter 67 – Ms. Dixon
Chapter 68 – Mr. Schumacher
Chapter 69 – Ms. Vandenberg
Chapter 70 – Ms. Infelt
Chapter 71 – Mr. Carleton
Chapter 72 – Mr. Clabaugh
Chapter 73 – Mr. Sims

VIII. Communications

There are no communications.

IX. Next meeting dates

- Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at 150 Des Moines Street
- Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at 150 Des Moines Street

X. Next meeting agenda

- Rules review reports
- Detailed financial report


XI. Public comments

Mr. Gary Briggs noted that according to the IBC, the older code referred to private residences not residence, which is what the new code states. His interpretation of the code is that private residences means more than one residence. The board can look into this during the rules review process.

XII. Adjournment

Ms. Dixon moved to adjourn the meeting. The board approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ms. Kerry Dixon, Secretary